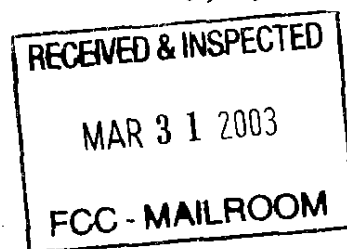


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March 24, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are completely opposed to the suggested deregulation of media ownership. This proposal would further concentrate the media in the hands of the few and would undermine a free press in this country. A free press is the heart of our democracy and must be protected, as it has been through the years, by government regulation.

Yours,

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Dear Mr. Copps,

As a fellow educator and a responsible media specialist I want you to know that I am fully supportive of your stance against media consolidation.

I believe that unfettered consolidation is a negative for those who could profit from it and for free enterprise and the little guy.

The media is so powerful – that to relegate it to the hands of a few is dangerous.

From a small production company position, now that the networks can produce and distribute their own programming, it limits the outside production company unless they make the network a partner.

Then there's the concept of "repurposing" where networks basically re-run programs on the cable networks they own thereby limiting original programming time and outside production.

It limits the choice of the viewer and contributes to their perception that TV is boring.

And if one views the multiple consolidation of Universal, AOL, Turner, Time Warner the realization that big does not necessarily equate to success. The creative process that has driven the arts is replaced solely by the bottom line.

In the music industry the same consolidation has lead to a weakened industry. Payola could return bigger than ever.

Please do not misunderstand, those at the top levels of these companies, such as Comcast, are fine, daring and respectful people and each merger should be qualified and observed, but in some large corporations the profit motive clouds the view of efficient control and input.

In the end the economy suffers and so does the American public as those caught in the squeeze of downsizing.

Michael J. Copps 
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I am equally disturbed that the regulations, regarding public affairs, has not been enforced and stations are not supporting proper and meaningful public affairs or have loop holes in which to ignore their local constituents.

I hope I have been clear and my thoughts are not meant to cast dispersions on some well-respected corporate leaders; it's the system that left uncontrolled does not benefit free enterprise or the public but rather limits it.

I would be interested in your response.

Warmest Personal Regards,



Michael Nise

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